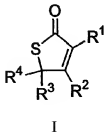


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of formula I:



wherein:

$R^1 = H$

$R^2 = -OH, -OR^5, -OCH_2C(O)R^5, -OCH_2C(O)NHR^5, -OC(O)R^5, -OC(O)OR^5, -OC(O)NHNH-R^5, \text{ or } -OC(O)NR^5R^6$, where R^5 and R^6 are each independently H, C₁-C₂₀ alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, arylalkyl, or alkylaryl, and where R^5 and R^6 can each optionally contain halogen atoms;

R^3 and R^4 , the same or different from each other, are H, C₁-C₂₀ alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, aryl, arylalkyl, or alkylaryl;

with the proviso that when R^2 is $-OH, -OCH_3$, or $-OC(O)CF_3$ and R^3 is $-CH_3$, then R^4 is not $-CH_2CH_2OH, -CH_2(C_6H_5)$, or $-CH=CH-CH_3$, and

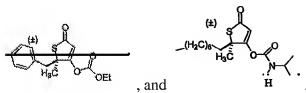
the further proviso that when R^3 is $-CH_2-(C_6H_5)$, then R^4 is not $-CH_3$ or $-CH_2CH_3$.

2. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 1, wherein R^5 is H, C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, arylalkyl or alkylaryl.

3. (Original) A compound according to claim 2, wherein R^5 is H, or C₁-C₁₀ alkyl.

4. (Original) A compound according to claim 1, wherein R^3 and R^4 are each independently H, C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, aryl, arylalkyl, or alkylaryl.

5. (Original) A compound according to claim 4, wherein R^3 and R^4 are each independently H, or C₁-C₁₀ alkyl.



9-17. (Cancelled)

18. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutical diluent and a compound of formula I.

19-55. (Cancelled)

56. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 1, where:

R¹ is H;

R² is -OCH₂C(O)NHR⁵, where R⁵ is C₁-C₁₀ aryl containing a halogen atom;

R³ is -CH₃; and

R⁴ is -n-C₆-C₈ alkyl.

57. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutical diluent and the compound of claim 56.

58-66. (Cancelled)